GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1614
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IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 21- A
Murmu Shri Hemlal

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any petition was filed in the Hon`ble Supreme Court for abolition of child labour for implementation of Article 21-A of the Constitution of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Supreme Court has issued direction to some State Governments for the implementation of the said Article; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Union Government and respective State Governments thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A Writ Petition was filed in the Hon`ble Supreme Court by an NGO seeking declaration of constitutional law that Article 21-A of the Constitution completely prohibits all forms of child labour.

(c): The Hon`ble Supreme Court has issued notices to the State Governments/UTs to file their reply in the matter.

(d): The Union Government has filed an affidavit in the Hon`ble Court. The Government is committed to eliminate child labour in all its forms beginning with children working in hazardous occupations/processes.